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Rev. W. F. Bade

Rev. William Frederick Bade, for many years professor in Old Testament Literature and Semitic Languages at Pacific School of Religion, passed away at his home March 4, 1936. After a very strenuous period in charge of excavation work in Palestine last summer, he was first stricken with illness while en route home. Recovering somewhat he assumed duties with his classes during the fall semester, but was unable to resume after the holidays.

He was a beloved teacher, an inspiring leader of young men, a world renowned scholar, author, and archeologist, and a great Christian. He was an authority on many subjects, and his interests and abilities were so varied that one stood in amazement and admiration in his presence. There is no estimating the loss which his untimely death brings, to the institution which he so signally honored by his service, and to the many other enterprises to which he had given himself so effectively. The next few years might have been the crowning years of his life, for he had planned the publication of the results of his very fruitful investigations.

Y. P. PLEDGES DUE

Attention, Pastors and Young People! A total of $180.50, which has been pledged by young people's societies toward the support of Plymouth House at the University of California, has not yet been paid. The fiscal year, for which pledges were made, closes March 31. The money is needed. Will all cooperate by getting it to the Conference office this month? Up to the present time the total in cash received from young people's societies and churches is $298.17. If the total amount pledged is paid, we will still lack a few dollars of having half the amount necessary to cover the expense.

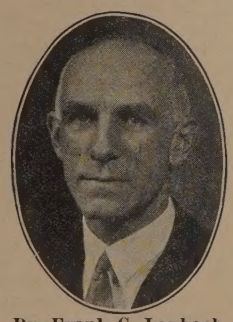
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 16-23—Visit of Frank C. Laubach (see schedule in separate Column.)
April 12—Easter Sunday
April 13—Meeting of Conference Board of Directors, budget and appropriations to be considered and voted.
April 28—Bay Association, Fruitvale Church, Oakland.
April 29—Central Association, Salida.
April 30—Upper Bay Association, Pittsburg.
May 1—Sacramento Valley Association, Reno, Nevada.
May 5—Santa Clara Association, San Jose.
May 6—Redwood Empire Association, Petaluma.
May 7—Commencement, Pacific School of Religion.
May 8—San Joaquin Association, Tulare.
May 11-13—Southern California Congregational Conference annual meeting, Los Angeles.
June 16-24—General Council of Congregational-Christian churches, Mt. Holyoke, Mass.
June 25-28—California Christian Endeavor Union State Convention at San Jose.
July 25 to August 1—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.
October 27-29—State Conference, San Jose.

N. CAL. WELCOMES DR. LAUBACH

Rev. Frank C. Laubach, one of the ablest foreign representatives of our Congregational fellowship, is taking one month of his valuable furlough to make a flying trip through the four Pacific coast conferences.

Northern California is exceedingly fortunate to have him for one week, and a schedule has been worked out which will give him the opportunity of speaking to the representatives of not less than sixty of our churches.



Dr. Frank C. Laubach

Dr. Laubach is an apostle of literacy as well as religion. His success in inventing an alphabet, and promoting its use, for the Moros in Mindanao, Philippine Islands, has resulted in his being called in to advise in a similar effort to build up five other written languages. He has been one of the strongest forces for the uniting of Protestant work in the Philippine Islands, without respect to denomination. He is the author of four books on the Philippines, and is now working on a volume relating the story of the Filipino patriot martyr, Rizal.

While on his previous furlough a number of years ago, he visited a number of California churches, and so profoundly impressed our people that many demands have been made for his return. It has been said that what Stanley Jones is to the Methodist denomination Frank Laubach is to the Congregationalists.

It is hoped that The Pacific subscribers and members of our churches will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him at the most convenient point. His schedule follows:

Monday, March 16, 6:30 p. m., dinner and meeting, First Congregational Church, Oroville.
Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 p. m., dinner and meeting, Pioneer Congregational Church, Sacramento.
Wednesday, March 18, 12:15 noon, Lions' Club, Hotel St. Claire, San Jose.
Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 p. m., dinner and meeting, First Congregational Church, Palo Alto.
Thursday, March 19, 9:45 a. m., Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
Thursday, March 19, 1:30 p. m., monthly meeting Federation of Congregational Women, First Congregational Church, Oakland.
Thursday, March 19, 6:30 p. m., dinner and meeting for men only, First Congregational Church, San Francisco.
Friday, March 20, 6:30 p. m., dinner and meeting, First Congregational Church, Sebastopol.
Saturday, March 21, 7:00 p. m., meeting for Filipinos, Filipino Presbyterian Church, Stockton.
Sunday, March 22, 11:00 a. m., First Congregational Church, Stockton.
Sunday, March 22, 7:30 p. m., First Congregational Church, Pittsburg.
Monday, March 23, afternoon women's meeting, Fresno.
Monday, March 23, 6:30 p. m., dinner and meeting, First Congregational Church, Fresno.

"AUF WIEDERSEHN"

The visit of Dr. Fred Field Goodsell, executive vice-president of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, will be long remembered in northern California. Visits were made and addresses given at the following churches: Sacramento; Oakland, First; San Francisco, First; Berkeley, First; Alameda, First; Lodi; Santa Cruz; Ceres; and Porterville.

In addition to these regular speaking engagements, Dr. Goodsell gave an address at the Academy of Religion and Life, Berkeley; at International House on University of California campus; and to Sunday school teachers of Oakland, First Church. He met with the Conference Committee on Benevolence Promotion, and with the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

On Monday evening, March 2, a group of friends, including corporate members of the American Board and the W. B. M. P., met at dinner in the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, in his honor. For an hour and a half he talked intimately of the affairs of the denomination and the Board.

The impression which Dr. Goodsell leaves everywhere is that of a missionary statesman, an able executive, a warm-hearted brother, and a Christian earnestly devoted to the cause of Christ and the church.

We Can If We Try

Since the last issue of The Pacific, more complete information regarding the total benevolence giving of our Northern California churches has become available. It now appears that including direct gifts sent to the Eastern offices, our churches and individuals contributed toward the regular budgets of the Conference and of the Boards, $33,539 in 1935. The corresponding figure for 1934 was $34,888. The total giving for the two years was $68,427. The Commission on Missions has suggested that for 1936 and 1937 we give as much as we did in 1934 and '35, plus an additional amount equal to 22 percent. This would mean that in the two years that 22 percent would amount to about $15,000. In other words, we would be asked to give in 1936 about $39,200, and in 1937, $44,200. The Benevolence Promotion Committee and the Conference of Board of Directors are giving careful consideration to the proposal, and to such plans as would be necessary in order to accomplish it.

Attention is called to the change of date for the annual meeting of the State Conference. It has now been fixed for Tuesday to Thursday, October 27-29, inclusive. It will be held at the San Jose church.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE PROGRAM

According to a careful survey made by the director, three hundred eighty-one persons made use of Plymouth House, our Congregational student center at Berkeley, during a recent average week. This does not include those who took advantage of the opportunity for worship in the church services—a considerable number as shown by the fact that 27.5 per cent of the Sunday morning congregation consisted of young people. Attendance at the Sunday evening forum was 75, which is about the usual number. At the February student luncheon forty persons gathered for fellowship and heard Dr. Reidenbach speak informally. Daily luncheon facilities draw an increasing number of young people to the friendly confines of the center.

An original operetta, "David and Goliath," was a February project of the Plymouth House members. Besides furnishing a pleasurable experience for some fifty-five young people, the production served to rescue the Plymouth House treasury from embarrassment. Several requests have been received for the repetition of the operetta.

As this is written, plans are being completed for a second deputation trip of Plymouth House students, the host church being Fairfax. A mutually helpful evening was spent in the Eden Church of Hayward on February 9. The students, Edwin Duckles, Harriet Middleton, Joseph Pettit, Betty McCall, and Margaret Young, undertook the leadership of the young people's group, and afterwards addressed the evening congregation on the general theme, "Widening Horizons."

Dr. McCall's semi-annual series for youth has begun, and is proving the rule that these occasions attract growing numbers as the weeks pass. Altogether the program for Congregational students at the University of California is a vital and growing one, judging by the quality and interest of its constituency.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Through the generosity of a friend, it was possible to distribute a number of copies of the Fellowship of Prayer to churches having most difficult financial problems. These, with other copies ordered from the Pacific Book Service, bring the total in use in our conference to more than 3,000. This does not take into consideration those churches which have ordered directly from the East.

Fortunate!

Again are we in northern California exceedingly fortunate in the visiting speaker for our spring Association meetings. Dr. Alden Clark, Foreign Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, it so happens, will reach San Francisco on April 28 after several months in the Orient, and will have about ten days which he can give in our territory. Officers of the various associations have cooperated in fitting the meeting dates of their groups into a general schedule so that all will have an opportunity to hear this great leader of our forces overseas. Schedule of the association meetings appears in another column, and more complete information regarding Dr. Clark will be given in the April Pacific.

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GOALS! GOALS!

Each year, in the late fall, churches are asked to adopt goals of benevolence giving for the succeeding year, but many of them evidently neglect to take action. Out of about 100 churches, responses have thus far come from 32. Ten of these have adopted goals for 1936 in excess of those for 1935, whereas five have adopted lower figures. Those who took the trouble to examine the church by church list published last month, discovered that 38 churches increased their gifts in 1935 as against 1934, and 12 additional churches gave the same amount. In other words, the loss for the year was due to the remaining half whose gifts were reduced.

THE NEW YEAR

It is much too early in the year to estimate the trend of missionary giving, but, as an appreciation of the promptness and cooperation of those churches which make remittances in the early months of the year, the following list is published.

	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28, '35	Jan. 11 to Feb. 29, '36
Alturas	$ 7.10	$ .....
Benicia	1.00	.....
Berkeley, First	1,083.32	658.94
Cloverdale	4.55	22.35
Cotati	20.00	20.00
Eureka	35.00	34.58
Fairfax	15.00	.....
Ferndale	.....	4.79
Fresno, First	.....	80.70
Hayfork	.....	3.00
Hayward	12.50	.....
Kenwood	9.35	.....
Likely	5.00	5.00
Loomis	11.35	3.00
Martinez	12.66	18.28
Murphy	40.00	.....
Niles	22.20	10.00
Oakland:		
First	474.16	776.26
Plymouth	60.00	75.00
Oroville	45.00	.....
Pacific Grove	22.00	32.50
Palo Alto	50.00	100.00
Paradise	36.19	15.00
Petaluma	80.59	75.80
Pittsburg	.....	23.93
Port Chicago	.....	2.65
Ripon	5.00	5.00
Sacramento	.....	100.51
San Carlos	5.00	.....
San Francisco:		
Bethany Mis. Park.	15.00	.....
First	197.47	156.10
Ocean View	.....	1.83
San Jose	85.00	73.00
San Leandro	9.97	.....
Santa Rosa	12.00	40.85
Sebastopol	9.01	43.95
Stockton	51.35	30.88
Reno, Nevada	19.12	49.90
Miscellaneous	101.00	30.00
TOTALS	$2,556.89	$2,493.80

LOKOYA CAMP

The Redwood Empire Pilgrim Fellowship is to have a camp at Lokoya, August 9 to 15. Rev. Westwood Wallace of Santa Rosa has been named camp director. He has also been made counsellor for the young people of the district.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached at San Quentin prison on Sunday, March 1.

DR. BUCKHAM OFFERS NEW BOOK

Another most helpful book by that beloved teacher and friend, Professor John Wright Buckham, has just been published by the Round Table Press. The Religious Book Club has again vindicated its good judgment by choosing this book as its February selection.

In "Christianity and Personality" Dr. Buckham not only reaffirms his philosophy of personalism, but, even more clearly than in previous works, lays the ground work for a belief in God as person and in man as a being of eternal significance.

No brief statement about the book by a reviewer can set forth its message as clearly as this brief quotation describing the Realm of Personality: "Through the universal Self-imparting of the Perfect Person finite selves come to themselves and in striving to adjust themselves to the world of the Not-self, to other selves, and to God, achieve freely their own self-realization as persons and uniting with other persons build the republic of socialized personality, i.e., the Kingdom of God."

Ministers and teachers of high school and college young people will find themselves referring to this book again and again. The price is $2.00.

DRAMA CONTEST

WANTED. A one-act play on the general theme of peace. The scene of the play may be located in any place, at any time, depicting any situation, but obviously the play should have implications pertinent to the present world need. The theme may be developed from the international, interracial, economic, or religious aspect of peace.

There is no limit to the number of characters, but the play is for amateur performance and should be written with that fact in mind. It may be any length, preferably under one hour's playing time.

Walter H. Baker Company, Boston, who are specializing in distinctive peace plays, will pay to the playwright of the winning play one hundred dollars and will make publishing arrangements with the authors of such other of the plays submitted as meet their needs. The winning play will be published without royalty fee. It is expected that the prize will have its premier showing at the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches at Holyoke, Mass., in June, 1936. The cost of production and promotion will be borne by the Young People's Organization of Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

The contest closes April 20, 1936. Address all plays: Plymouth Peace Play Contest, 5757 University Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

CHRISTMAS FUND REPORT

The Christmas Fund for Ministerial Relief for the country as a whole amounted to more than $63,000, which was a little less than in 1934 but more than in 1933. Christmas checks were sent to all pensioners of the National and State boards in the same average amount as for the past two years, and the balance not so distributed has been placed in an emergency fund to meet cases of distress during the coming year. Gifts were received from 6,379 separate donors, representing nearly 2,000 churches. Northern California contributed $1,344, and pensioners of the state Ministers' Relief Society were cared for out of the common fund.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

The most significant fact about Christian young people's work during the last two years is that it has become a movement. We Congregationalists are not merely 189,000 persons who meet in 5,000 or 6,000 groups, but we are a fellowship of those committed to high purposes. A survey of the situation in the states shows that south, north, west, and east, the Pilgrim Fellowship is a reality. Goals are set by associations and states, and young and older leaders are accomplishing what they have set out to do.

One of our purposes is to join with the denominations in achieving a unified Christian youth movement. "Christian Youth Building a New World" has caught the interest of young people of all denominations, and some remarkable things have resulted in recent months.

This interdenominational fellowship will hold the most significant youth meeting ever gathered in America, at Lakeside, Ohio, June 23-28. About 1800 delegates will attend, representing practically every agency and denomination engaged in young people's and student work in the United States and Canada. The Pilgrim Fellowship is asked to send eighty. From Florida to Maine to California, official representatives of our denomination will go to Lakeside.

Every person attending must be designated the official delegate of his church. To gather chosen youth delegates from twenty or more denominations and from forty states for a five-day working conference is a project which has untold possibilities for the future of the church and of civilization in America. These young people will not try to scrap their denominations at the Ohio meeting, but they will seek to unite them in a common program of personal and social Christian action.

Not until the last days of the conference will delegations meet by denominations. At that time we shall have the first session of the Council of the National Pilgrim Fellowship.

Louis P. Neumann, formerly president of the Pilgrim Fellowship in northern California, has been chosen as delegate from our northern California young people, and he expects to attend. We are entitled to an additional delegate, if such can be found within the next few weeks.

GENERAL COUNCIL PLANS

Self-examination is asked of Congregational and Christian churches this spring for the purpose of discovering how the program of the individual church in its community and of the denomination as a whole in the nation and the world may be best strengthened. The results of this investigation are to be assembled through a national referendum and compiled by Dr. Charles Emerson Burton, secretary of the General Council, for the use of the members of the Council at its biennial meeting at Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass., June 16 to 23. The general theme for the meeting is "The Effective Church."

The General Council will meet at Mt. Holyoke upon the invitation of the trustees of the college. It will be convened Tuesday afternoon, June 16, in the auditorium of Mt. Holyoke College by Mr. John V. Sees of Huntington, Ind., who as first assistant moderator became moderator upon the death of Dr. Jay T. Stocking. The address of welcome will be given Tuesday evening by President Mary E. Woolley of Mt. Holyoke College. The moderator's address will be given Tuesday evening by the honorary moderator, Dr. S. Parkes Cadman.

WILBURS REPORTED SAFE

As Pacific goes to press, the word as to the safety of our missionaries in Northern China is somewhat reassuring. From the very meager reports, it appears that the danger from Communist invasion is in the vicinity of Fenchow. Missionaries there, including the Judds and the Burtons, have gone by airplane to Taiku, where Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur are located. Lines of communication are down, but it appears that Taiku is regarded as reasonably safe.

NEW "LIGHT"

"Pilgrim Fellowship Light," a continuation of the publication by our young people formerly known as "Asilomar Light," brings to our pastors and youth the story of the Midwinter Young People's Conference, and plans for Asilomar next summer. The Asilomar conference, which will be held July 25 to August 1, is being arranged by committees of young people, with the assistance of Rev. Fred R. Morrow. Rev. T. T. Giffen of Plymouth Church, Oakland, will be director on the grounds. Program, recreation, administration, and promotion are all being cared for by the young people, with the cooperation of their advisers.

LEMOYNE DEBATERS

Four young debaters, accompanied by their coach and manager, from LeMoyne College, Memphis, Tenn., have recently been in northern California. Debates were held with Stanford, University of California, San Mateo Junior College, Fresno State Teachers College, San Jose State Teachers College, and College of the Pacific.

LeMoyne is one of our A. M. A. schools for Negroes and is rendering a remarkable service to the city of Memphis and surrounding territory.

CHURCH NOTES

OAKLAND, FIRST. A series of adult forum meetings on the Bible is being conducted by Dr. Carl S. Patton of Pacific School of Religion. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, pastor, has been on the sick list for the past week or two but is improved. The church has recently installed a very attractive out-door bulletin board.

ADIN. Forty-two fathers and sons participated in a successful banquet. Rev. A. W. Monosmith, the pastor, has been compelled to secure court action in order to clear up some flaws in title to the property, before the Building Society loan for repairs can be obtained.

BERKELEY, NORTH. This church has been supplied recently by Rev. E. F. W. Swan and by a former pastor, Rev. Ralph B. Larkin. Rev. W. R. Steininger, who has been serving the San Francisco Ocean View church, has been asked to supply through the winter and spring.

HAYFORK. Forty people took communion at the Hayfork church the first Sunday of February. Two united in membership on confession of faith. Seven new windows have been installed in the building and it is hoped to repaper the walls and repaint the floor.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. George E. Atkinson, the pastor, is conducting a Lenten Pastor's Class at the Sunday school hour. He is preaching two series of sermons, one in the morning and one in the evening. Attendance has been excellent.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

STOCKTON. The Fellowship of Congregational Women held its mid-winter luncheon on February 11. Mrs. Frank J. Greene of Petaluma was the speaker, and Mrs. Arthur Dunn of Sacramento was an honored guest. This was one of the three luncheons held annually by the Fellowship, which has all the women of the parish as members. The Congregationalists joined other religious groups of the community in an Inter-Faith Mass Meeting at the College of the Pacific Auditorium on the evening of February 27. This is part of the Brotherhood Movement for religious toleration and cooperation, which the Stockton church is actively supporting. Rev. Noel J. Breed, pastor, has been confined to his home by illness for a number of days.

OAKLAND PILGRIM. Rev. Harvey V. Miller, formerly of Martinez, was asked to supply the pulpit of this church for the month of February. In that brief period, splendid progress was made in reducing the indebtedness of the church, and provision was made for putting a new roof on the hall. At a very enthusiastic meeting held on February 28, a unanimous call was extended to Mr. Miller as permanent pastor, and it was accepted. He will make his home in Alameda, which is but a few minutes' driving distance from the church.

SAN JOSE. Midweek services of meditation during Lent are being conducted under the committee on Evangelism. Five Sunday evening panel discussions on "Exploring Modern Social Problems" are being offered to the public by the church. Some of the themes under discussion are: "Property vs. Human Rights," "The Problems of Free Speech," "The Best Method of Liquor Control," and "Conscience or State." The pastor, Rev. Benjamin Gould, is preaching Sunday mornings on "Truths We Live By."

GUERNEVILLE. Under the new by-laws, a cabinet has been organized and a finance committee appointed. Membership list is being revised, and the members are taking active interest. New people are attending services. Parsonage is being papered and re-roofed. Rev. Ray S. Miller, student of the Pacific School of Religion, has been serving this church and also the Presbyterian Church at Monte Rio.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr is preaching during March on "God Consciousness." The Fruitvale Forum continues with unabated interest every Sunday evening. The church is already planning to entertain the spring meeting of the Bay Association.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. Because of the prevalence of contagious diseases in the community, two departments of the Sunday school were closed for two weeks. A ping pong table has been installed by the young people. A play will be presented after Easter by the Senior Forum. Mr. Wilfred Orr is the director.

SALIDA. Rev. A. T. Davies has resigned after a pastorate of about three years. His resignation was due to ill health in the family. Miss Mary Coxhead was asked to supply the pulpit. She has accepted and is at work.

SAN LORENZO. Rev. W. Wallace Furze, Conference Treasurer and former pastor of this church, is supplying the pulpit.

SAN CARLOS. After about eight years of service, Rev. R. B. Cherington has resigned, the resignation to take effect when his successor has been chosen and is ready to undertake the task. The church was organized under the leadership of Mr. Cherington, and the building was erected by him. Not only did he carry on the usual work of the pastor, but he put not a little of physical and mechanical effort into the construction. Although living at Palo Alto, he has carried on the organization and pastoral work of the church at San Carlos with just as much consecration as if he had lived on the field. The resignation was accepted with keenest regret. Mr. Cherington's plans for the future have not yet been announced.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Brotherhood Sunday was observed by two addresses at the morning service, one by Rabbi Rudolph Coffee, the other by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor. Widespread interest is being aroused by the Question Drawer, conducted by Dr. Pierce almost every Sunday evening. This precedes the showing of motion pictures. New hymn books have been ordered and will be available before Easter. A concert, given by a choir of boys direct from Wales, followed the dinner on Wednesday, March 4. On February 26 a group of players from the Niles church presented two Biblical dramas.

SACRAMENTO. A Women's League has been formed, consisting of the members of various clubs and others who have not had club membership. A luncheon meeting is held once a month. Superintendent Harley H. Gill was the speaker at the February meeting. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, is emphasizing the Fellowship of Prayer in every department and organization of the church, and is preaching a series of sermons on it during Lent.

RENO, NEV. The 65th Anniversary of the church which would normally take place in February, has been postponed to April, and will climax in the annual meeting of the Sacramento Valley Association. Rev. C. L. Mears, now of Fairfax, a former pastor, will preach the historical sermon. Rev. William Moll Case, the pastor, is getting in touch with pastors and members no longer living in Reno.

LOOMIS. Rev. H. J. Loken, who has been asked to serve the Auburn Church, now preaches at Loomis at 10:00, and at Auburn at 11:15. The young people of both churches have formed a group for Sunday evening round table discussion.

WEAVERVILLE. Fire caused serious damage to the parsonage recently. Fire insurance will probably take care of the building and decoration, but Rev. J. D. Salmon, the pastor, lost a good many personal effects.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Rev. H. M. Hovagimian, who has been pastor of this church for two years, has tendered his resignation to take effect April 25, and it has been accepted by the church.

BENICIA. A very thorough renovation, including the reroofing of parsonage and study, has been completed. Congregations have shown a marked increase. Mr. Alden A. Read has been serving as stated supply.

REDWOOD CITY. Two constructive plans were put into operation during the past month. One provides for a sort of "Junior League" or guild composed of the younger ladies of the church, meeting for social evenings and various worthy objectives. The other was an "Old Time" dinner and social given by the Plymouth Guild, to which the husbands were bidden. Ten speakers reminisced on contrasting customs and amusements in their youth. It is hoped to continue these two new groups, each of which concerns a class of church membership hitherto not officially covered by a church organization. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton closed his work with the church on March first.

FRESNO, FIRST. A bequest of $3,000 from the estate of W. A. Conn has come into the hands of the church, with the request that a like amount be raised by the membership for the purpose of changing the axis of the church. This will give better ventilation and increase capacity, as the auxiliary room will be available. Many fine young married people have come into the fellowship of the church. The Sunday evening forum, which is under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Norman B. Henderson, is, to use the expression of a recent visitor, "doing a valuable, courageous, and far-seeing service in the city."

PORTERVILLE. Sixteen new members were received into the church in January, bringing the total to 29 since the opening of the pastorate of Rev. John H. Gregg. More than 500 persons were present for the showing of the motion picture, "The Life of Christ." Parsonage is being painted and reroofed, and additional improvements have been made in the interior. Sunday morning attendance averages 116 in spite of bad weather.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. Rev. Mikio Ishino, who has served this church for the past seven years and was ordained to the ministry in it, has resigned to take effect May 1, and the resignation has been accepted. Mr. Ishino has done faithful and effective work among a very small group in a discouraging situation. He enjoys the respect and affection not only of Japanese, but of our American ministers and people who know him.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. A fine crowd of young men from the C.C.C. camp have been attending evening worship service at Murphy, and have brought interest and enthusiasm into the project. A discussion group is being conducted by Rev. Glenn H. Corbin at the camp the first Thursday of each month.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Sunday school attendance averages about 200. Church membership roll has been revised, the first time in the 14 years of its history. Rev. J. H. McCartney, the pastor, reports an improved outlook for the finances.

SOQUEL. A new church carpet has been ordered, and other improvements in the building are planned. Congregations are good in spite of a great deal of illness. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is the pastor.

FAIRFAX. Rev. C. L. Mears, the pastor, has been confined to the St. Francis Hospital for the past two weeks. He is making satisfactory progress and recovery.

PETALUMA. A Sunday School Parent-Teacher group is to meet once a month. On February 9, Family Day was observed. In several instances, whole families sat together. Young People participated in the music and ushering. At the Ash Wednesday dinner which ushered in Lent, Superintendent Gill was the speaker. Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, the pastor, is giving a series of Sunday morning sermons based on the Fellowship of Prayer. Forums are held Sunday evenings, at which eminent speakers have discussed such subjects as: "Fruit Tramps," "Is Force an Instrument of Justice?" "Present Day Germany," and "Religion in America's Education."

LODI. As an expression of good will, Rabbi Levy of Stockton was invited to speak at the Sunday evening service on February 2. His subject was "The Jewish Contribution to Civilization." A copy of Hoffman's "Christ and the Rich Young Ruler," suitable for framing, was presented by Rev. E. T. Sherman, the pastor, to every person attending Sunday evening service on February 28. Mrs. Sherman has been highly honored through the presentation to the Lodi Women's Club of a prize for outstanding art programs. Mrs. Sherman was art chairman for the years 1934-35, and was responsible for the winning of the award.

ALAMEDA. A deficit dinner for both men and women, with tickets at three dollars a piece, was a complete success, both financially and socially. One hundred and twenty-four persons were present. After all expenses had been met, $300 remained for the church budget. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, knows how to announce interesting topics. Among those recently noted are, "Devil and Little Girl," and "To an Unknown God."

OROVILLE. Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer recently conducted an evening service centering about the institution of marriage. The music was appropriate and the marriage ceremony was examined and its significance described. The purpose behind it was to increase appreciation for the home.

AUBURN. Upon the departure of Rev. R. N. England, whose resignation was announced in last month's Pacific, the church has called Rev. H. J. Loken, who will serve Auburn in connection with his work at Loomis. Mr. Loken will bring strong leadership to both churches.

KENWOOD. The Boy Scouts worshipped at the church service the first Sunday of February. Congregations in general have increased. Rev. Frank E. Boren is pastor.

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NOTES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING

The new president, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, presided at the meeting of February 20, at First Church, Oakland. "The aim of the year will be to deepen the spiritual life of the individual and of the church," she said, "and to that end every meeting of the Board will be dedicated." She announced that the spring meeting would be held at Pittsburg on April 16. Division of the Thank Offering for 1935 was reported as being 25 per cent for the Foreign work and 75 per cent for the Home work instead of the former division of 27 per cent and 73 per cent, respectively. The budget for 1936, amounting to $608.00, was presented by the chairman of finance, Mrs. W. W. Furze, and adopted.

The foreign secretary, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, called attention to a matter heretofore little thought of. From the beginning of its mission work, the American Board has looked forward to the time when the responsibility for the support and direction of the schools and churches might be placed in the hands of native peoples. Many of these institutions, that we helped to found and administer, have now become self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating. The desire has arisen in the hearts of these Christian communities for a greater sense of communion and of brotherhood with our churches. Can we bring to them the sense of fellowship and of union in working together for progress of the Kingdom? Are we prepared to do it? Should we not inform ourselves of the work they are doing, noting in letters, in journals, in spoken reports, and every way possible, evidences of their Christian living? A stronger feeling of true brotherhood might issue from such accumulating knowledge.

WHAT WE CAN DO

In his February message to the Federation, Supt. Harley H. Gill suggested several ways of increasing the missionary spirit in our churches. It is out of rich lives that blessings pass to others. Knowledge of the benevolences of our church would increase interest in them; ignorance is a cause of much indifference and apparent apathy toward this vital part of our church life. One method suggested was that the pastors be asked to devote an occasional Sunday morning hour to this outreaching work of the church. A few well-chosen vivid illustrations of what is being accomplished rather than vague generalities would be enlightening. People like to know what the money they give is being used for, and in some cases a brief financial report might be of value.

Another suggestion was that study groups—Schools of Missions, they used to be called—be organized, not only for the women but for the men and young people as well. Both home and foreign subjects present wide scope for interesting study. For the Sunday Schools very fine material is prepared by the Education Society. This World Service material may be had for the asking. Another method suggested was that we avail ourselves of every opportunity to learn from the great missionary statesmen who come into our midst from time to time. In the next few weeks Dr. F. F. Goodsell, Dr. F. C. Laubach, and Dr. Alden Clark are to be in northern California. Can we not see that great audiences turn out to receive the vital message that these men bring?

CHINA. Dr. Alma Cooke spent some months, before returning to Lintsing, studying in the Peiping Union Medical College Hospital. Her particular objective was to learn how to feed Chinese babies whose mothers have no milk, when there are no milch cows and no money with which to buy klim or canned milk. Soybean milk is the answer, but to modify it to the value of mother's milk is still the problem.

An eye witness writes of the mass weddings now taking place in China. She witnessed the ceremony of seventeen couples married at one time. Such a wedding, including the banquet, costs the couple two dollars. The object is not to bring about more marriages, but to break a long-established custom, involving an elaborate and expensive celebration, by which the families of the bride and groom become utterly impoverished by the heavy debts contracted.

A MUTUAL SERVICE

About three years ago a few women of First Church, Berkeley, were discussing informally the situation caused by unemployment, and especially as it affected many in their own midst. Out of the discussion came the idea of establishing a mutual benefit service, to bring together those needing employment and those needing service. The Women's Association heartily approved the plan. Soon announcements were made and a bulletin board was prepared, showing the services asked for and the positions which could be filled, no names being given. The cooperation of friends, outside as well as within the church, and even beyond Berkeley, made the movement a success from the beginning, and many persons in need of material aid or even of friendly counsel only, have been benefited. Positions have been found for mother's helpers, nurses, day laborers, housekeepers, gardeners, readers to the blind, sick, or shut-ins; families have been helped with supplies and furniture; many dainty layettes have been made through the cooperation of a group of Y. W. C. A. workers; and boarding homes and lodgings have been found.

Because of the personal and delicate nature of the work, it is really a one-person task. The first director was a person of grace and tact, of deep sympathy and understanding. She met all applicants in the friendly atmosphere of her own home, where barriers of diffidence and pride were easily overcome. Her successors have carried on with equal ability and wisdom, and the work is progressing quietly and effectively.

INDIA. Dr. Rose Beals of Wai, writing her thanks for the Fenton legacy sent by the W. B. M. P., says: "My heart is full of gratitude—no, it is more than gratitude, it is thanksgiving. Last winter in New York I heard a fine word description of a friend. 'A friend is one who never lets you down.' You certainly have been that to us."

The Executive Committee of the Federation will meet on March 19 at First Church, Oakland, at 10:15 a. m. The address of the afternoon will be by Dr. Frank C. Laubach of the Philippines.

JAPAN. The Tokyo daily newspaper, The Japanese Advertiser, issued on November 3, 1935, a special illustrated edition called the Doshisha University Number, in recognition of the 60th anniversary of that institution. This in itself shows the esteem in which the university is held. The word "Doshisha" means "Company with One Purpose." Neesima's purpose was "to found a school in Japan, based on Christian ethics, where science and literature would be taught, that 'through these, men of great and living power may be trained up for the service of true freedom and their country.'"

AFRICA. A home-made, short-wave radio set brings to Rev. Henry C. McDowell in Galangue, West Africa, the latest news. Galangue is well nigh perfect for radio reception, and he tunes in upon the United States, London, Paris, Berlin, and Rome. He listens to Dr. Fosdick, six hours later than the New York time, and suggests that the National Vespers should be called International Vespers by the N.B.C.

LECTURES AVAILABLE

"The Kingdom of God in Japan" is the theme of a series of lectures recently delivered at Oberlin by C. Burnell Olds, missionary of the American Board to Japan. The lectures have been published in a pamphlet at 25c per copy, or 20c each in lots of ten or more. Rarely does one find an appraisal of the progress and problems of Christianity in a given country as Mr. Olds presents in this book. It ought to be read by every student of religion and missions. Copies may be secured by addressing the author at 1880 East 81st Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

The San Francisco Y. M. C. A. is offering a course of ten lectures on "Archeology and the Bible." Edyth S. Armstrong, lecturer and author, will give the course, which will include activities in Iraq, Asia Minor, Egypt, Palestine, and Syria. The course begins Monday evening, March 9.

THE JOY BOX

Some look upon the Cent-a-Meal boxes as a petty nuisance, others as an opportunity. It all depends on whether one sees beyond the boxes what the money accomplishes.

An able young doctor asked an appointment in the Ryder Memorial Hospital in Porto Rico at a salary of $1,275. He said, "I long to practice medicine free from the fetters of antiquity, mediocrity and avarice." He found his chance in this hospital which treated in a year over 17,000 clinic patients, 1,300 resident patients, and had 350 operations performed—and all for people who had nowhere else to go for treatment.

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A retired minister and his wife who have a pension of $280 from our Board of Ministerial Relief replied to the question as to what income he had beside this, "A garden, a goat and a dozen chickens."

One of our church papers asked recently, "Are we grateful beyond words for our daily bread? Would we prove that we mean it when we say grace at the table? Then the Cent-a-Meal box is a blessing and not a bore, a joy and not a disturbance."

One Cent-a-Meal for a year meets the expense of eleven treatments in the Ryder Hospital. It would more than buy the live stock which goes far toward feeding this old minister and his wife. To fill the box that works things like these is not a disturbance. Every coin is dropped into it with joy. We must not underestimate the significance of what ten dollars work, because when given in small amounts they come so easily.

CLOTHING NEEDED

One of our pastors has need of a good warm overcoat, and a suit. Size should be about 42 or 44, and for a man about six feet tall. Anyone having such garments will please communicate with the conference office.

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